Minutes of the Meeting
Of the
Planning and Budget Committee
Of the Hofstra University Senate
Wednesday 31 October 2018 411 Axinn Library

Present: William Caniano Library Services
         Sleiman Ghorayeb Engineering
         Kathleen Wallace Chair of Chairs Caucus
         Jayne Ellinger Health Professions
         Sabrina Sobel Chemistry
         Elisabeth Ploran Psychology
         Keun Lee Marketing
         Richard Apollo Provost Office
         George Giuliani SEC Chair
         Pat Adamski Senior Vice President
         Stephanie Bushey VP Institutional Research
         Gail Simmons Provost

The Chair called the committee into session at 3:00 P.M..

Chairs Report

Discussion Items

Gail presented the University 2018-23 draft Strategic plan for us to review before our next meeting. Both she and Pat Adamsky stressed that this represents overarching goals, not details that will be in School and Departmental strategic plans. Middle States accreditation does drive aspects of this plan, such as assessment. If departments have their own accrediting body, then these take precedence, and less is needed to be covered.

Fiscal stability is bedrock of aspirations and university health, and must be given sufficient weight. Enhancing reputation, visibility of university helps with student recruitment and retention.

GOAL 1: Support student success – speaks to student retention issues. Efforts: making better use of analytics, e.g. Student Success Connect data & tools; involves training faculty and exploring more analytical possibilities to track students and evaluate student progress. Issues that cross departments/schools may lead to university policy changes.

“How does digital pedagogy impact retention,” is a question to be explored as we implement DL courses and other digital pedagogy efforts.
Goal in 5-yr plan is to increase retention 5 points.

Six-year graduation rate did not increase under the previous 5 year plan.

The Provost office has a purchased a subscription to a Burning Glass for evaluating programs for development or improvement/change. Useful for asking questions about what skills employers are looking for when requesting a particular degree, what salaries go with what skill sets/degrees. Also can correlate information geographically. Please contact Vice Provost Bob Brinkmann for more information.

G. Simmons, P. Adamski and S. Bushey exited the meeting.

Caniano:

Wage Works is still a problem. Admin is seeking a replacement program, so if you have a recommendation, please send that along. Elizabeth Ploran: There are separate source of $$ that go into the account, one from Open Enrollment choices (sign up for amount every year), and one from the Union (fixed $500/yr for the past two years).

Sleiman Ghorayeb said the card did not work for him internationally.

Nov. 16th meeting: Alan Kelly will be present to talk about fundraising.

December 19th meeting: Student Access Service has some issues of ADA compliance for blind students; Julie Yindra, VP Joe Barkwill, VP Houston Dougharty, and Associate VP Jean Peden-Christodolou will be present to discuss.

The Town Hall Meeting will be held on Dec. 5th.

Facilities plans: A discussion about various Facilities began but were tabled for discussion for the next meeting when Joe Barkwill will be present.

Keun Lee suggested that the committee invite administrator be invited to discuss financial planning and budget (Caniano: Kathleen Hennessey is invited in February along with Dolores Friedrich, but can pass on specific questions to her in the meantime).